IN THE CLAIMS

A new set of claims corresponding to the one discussed during the interview is shown below.

Claims 1-31 (cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent mannitol having:

- an average diameter of between ~~60~~80 and ~~200~~180 μm;
- a packed bulk density, determined according to the method specified in the operating instructions for the HOSOKAWA P.T.N powder tester, of between ~~0.65~~0.70 and ~~0.85~~0.80 g/ml;
- a flow factor of at least 60.

Claims 33-35 (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The pulverulent mannitol according to claim ~~35~~32 having:

- a flow factor of between 60 and 90.

37. (Previously presented) The pulverulent mannitol according to claim 32, having a mannitol content at least equal to 96% by weight.

38. (Previously presented) The pulverulent mannitol according to claim 37, having a mannitol content at least equal to 98% by weight.

39. (Previously presented) The pulverulent mannitol according to claim 32, having a rate of dissolution of between 20 and 60 seconds when dissolving 5 g of the product until perfect visual clarity, into 150 ml of deionised, degassed water maintained at 20°C and stirred at 200 rpm.

40. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a pulverulent mannitol having the characteristics of the pulverulent mannitol according to claim 32, comprising a step of granulating a crystalline mannitol powder by a wet route with the aid of a binder, and a maturing step, by drying, of the pulverulent mannitol thus obtained.

41. (Previously presented) The preparation process according to claim 40, wherein the granulation stage is carried out in a continuous mixer granulator.

Claims 42-47 (Canceled).